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Police

Collections for the Police sports at Mangalore.

* 1276 Q.—**Mr. J. A. SALDANHA** : With reference to his statement on the adjournment motion brought by Mr. Karant on 18th October 1927 on the subject of the alleged irregular collection for the Police Sports on the occasion of His Excellency's visit to Mangalore, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) what investigations have been made as to the alleged irregularities ;
- (b) what steps have been taken to prevent such irregularities ; and
- (c) whether collections for Police Sports are to be stopped altogether ?

A.—(a) The Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Southern Range, made a personal investigation into the alleged irregularities. It is found that the only irregularities committed were in the issue of notices and the collection of subscriptions which did not follow strictly the rules laid down by Government, e.g.—

- (i) the notice was not published in the District Gazette ;
- (ii) copies of the notice were not sent to public offices and institutions ;
- (iii) it was not directed that the subscriptions were to be sent ' only ' to the District or Deputy Superintendent of Police ; and
- (iv) a paragraph was included in the notice about His Excellency's attendance at the sports. As regards the allegation that ' excessive ' collections were made, the amounts collected in 1926 and 1927 were Rs. 3,224-4-0 and Rs. 6,666-0-0 respectively. The increased collection made in 1927 was due to the fact that His Excellency was to attend the sports.

(b) & (c) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire under what circumstances these omissions were made. It is said that there are 3 or 4 omissions in applying the rules. Have the Government made enquiries why these omissions were made ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" The omissions were made and the Government are enquiring."

Public Service

Grievances of copyists in the Judicial and Revenue departments.

* 1277 Q.—**Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED** : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many sheets of paper a copyist has to write per month in a Revenue office and Stationary Sub-Magistrate's court in the Presidency, what is the rate per sheet charged by the Government and how much is paid to the copyist out of the amount thus realized ;

(b) whether copyists are paid anything extra annually, or half-yearly, or quarterly in the shape of bonus ; and if so, at what rate ;

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(c) whether the system of payment is uniform all over the Presidency or different ;

(d) whether copyists form part of the permanent establishment of the Revenue and Magisterial departments ; if not, what is their status in the service ;

(e) whether the copyists are employed at times to do the work of clerks in the above offices ;

(f) whether they are given any extra remuneration when they have to do work other than copying documents ;

(g) whether there exists any difference in status and rank between the copyists of the Judicial Department and those of the Revenue Department, and if so, what it is and why the same is maintained ;

(h) whether the copyists are entitled to all or any of the privileges attached to Government service, such as leave and pension, etc., and whether they are governed by Civil Service Regulations ; and

(i) whether the Government will investigate into the grievances of the copyists and redress the same ?

A.—(a) to (d) The hon. Member is referred to Board's Standing Order No. 173, section (ii).

(e) & (f) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

(g) The Government know of none.

(h) Eligibility for pension and leave is not a necessary incident of Government service but is a matter regulated by the rules made in that behalf. Copyists are not eligible for leave or pension.

(i) The rates for the remuneration of copyists were raised in 1922. Since then it has not been brought to the notice of the Government that the copyists have any particular grievance.

Emigration

Prohibition of emigration from the Agency.

* 1278 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the paragraph on Emigration in the Administration Report of the Vizagapatam Agency for 1926–27 ; and

(b) whether in view of the expressed dislike of the Agent to the Governor and his expressed recommendation that the solution lies in the opening up of the Agency by a railway, the Government are prepared to prohibit emigration from the Agency ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The country is being opened up by making roads and a railway and the Government do not think the drastic step suggested by the hon. Member could be justified.